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Case No. 5256

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Kobayashi et al.

Serial Number: 09/934,373

Filed: August 21, 2001

For: **METHOD OF PATTERNING, INSTALLING, RENEWING AND/OR RECYCLING CARPET TILES**

Group Art Unit: 3635

Examiner: Nguyen, Chi Q.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner of Patents
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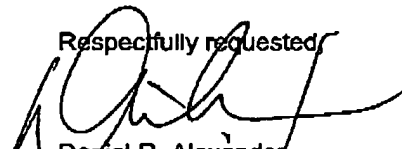
Sir:

Attorney for Applicant(s) hereby requests an extension of time of two (2) months in which to respond to the Action which was mailed September 16, 2003. Upon granting this request Applicant's response will be due on February 16, 2004. Please charge the \$450.00 fee and any additional fees, and credit any overpayment, for this Extension of Time to our deposit account number 04-0500. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

It is respectfully urged that this request is proper and that it be granted to provide the additional time necessary to formulate a satisfactory response to this Official Action. It is believed that by granting this request further prosecution of this application will be expedited and Applicant's interest in achieving the best possible protection for his invention can be best achieved.

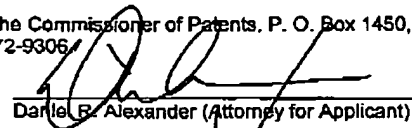
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Respectfully requested,


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